

HARGROVE, PESNELL & WYATT

(A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION)

AMERICAN TOWER, SUITE 600

401 MARKET STREET

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71101-3239

THOMAS J. WYATT (1942-1996)

MAILING ADDRESS

POST OFFICE BOX 59

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71161-0059

TELEPHONE (318) 429-7200

TELECOPIER (318) 429-7201

August 21, 2003

BILL R. PESNELL
JOSEPH L. HARGROVE, JR.
DAVID L. SMELLEY
PAUL A. STRICKLAND
SCOTT C. SINCLAIR
W. BROOKS MAY
JASON C. FALUDI

OF COUNSEL
WILLIAM G. CONLY

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Brown-Ozley Sand and Poland Sand, Reservoir C,
BEAR CREEK FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Brown-Ozley Sand and to the Poland Sand, Reservoir C, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

1. To permit Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its SNG Fee No. 2 Well as the substitute unit well for BR-OZ SUT, said well being located as shown on the attached plat.
2. To designate Applicant as Operator of BR-OZ SUT.
3. To find that designation and use of the SNG Fee No. 2 Well as the substitute unit well for BR-OZ SUT is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Brown-Ozley Sand underlying BR-OZ SUT which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within the unit.
4. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Brown-Ozley Sand and the Poland Sand, Reservoir C, in the wellbore of the SNG Fee No. 2 Well and in the wellbore of any other well located on BR-OZ SUT and POLAND RC SUA in which the ownership interest in these units is identical.
5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Brown-Ozley Sand in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-D, effective February 20, 1952.

The Poland Sand, Reservoir C, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-P-2, effective May 1, 1981.

dls/app/bearcreek11.application

Honorable James H. Welsh
August 21, 2003
Page 2

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

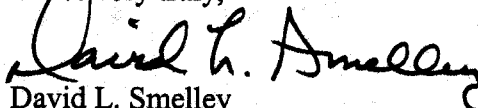
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been given.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

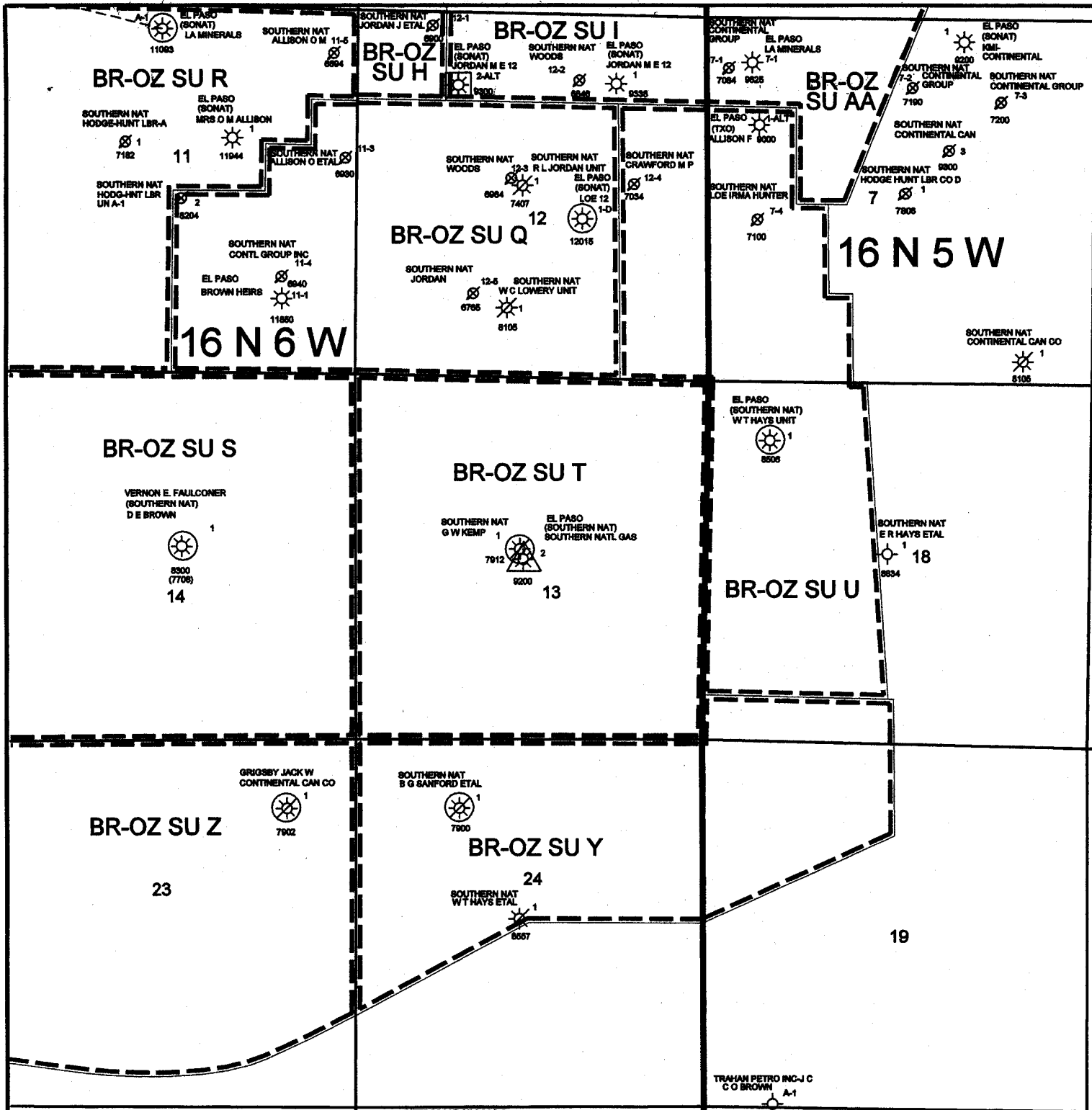

David L. Smelley

--
Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encls.)
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

dls/app/bearcreek11.application



LEGEND

- BROWN-OZLEY UNITS AS PER 78, 78-A & 78-D SERIES
- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- △ PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL
- WELLS 8000' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 03-

elpaso Production

Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

BEAR CREEK FIELD

BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL PLAT

BR OZ SU T

0' 1000' 2000' 4000'

BEARCRK32.DGN

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.